Christian Division Assistants.

384. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Christians appointed as Division Assistants after the separation of Devaswoms from the Revenue Department;

(*b*) the number of Christians holding the posts of Division Assistants at present; and

(*c*) whether two vacancies of Division Assistants occurred during the last two months?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Two.

(*b*) Two.

(*c*) Yes. There were two temporary leave vacancies.

Headquarters of the Assistant Inspectress of Schools, District VI.

385. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*): (*a*) Have the Government decided to shift the headquarters of the Assistant Inspectress of Girls' Schools, District VI, from Muvattupuzha to Alwaye?

(*b*) How many years have now elapsed since the office of the Assistant Inspectress was established at Muvattupuzha?

(*c*) Has the said Assistant Inspectress addressed the Government for permission to shift her office to Alwaye?

(*d*) If so, what are the reasons put forward by her for such a step?

(*e*) Was the Chief Inspectress or the Director of Public Instruction convinced, by means of local enquiry, of the reasons advanced by the Assistant Inspectress before the Government decided to shift her office?

(*f*) Is not Muvattupuzha a more central place than Alwaye for the district?

(*g*) Have the Government called for a report to be submitted two years hence on the advantages and disadvantages of the shifting of the office of the Assistant Inspectress to Alwaye?

(*h*) If so, is it not better to immediately consider the disadvantages resulting from the transfer than to shift it and then consider the advantages and disadvantages two years hence?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes; tentatively for a period of two years from April 1924.

(*b*) Ten years.

(*c*) The Assistant Inspectress addressed the Inspectress of Girls' Schools.

(*d*) The reason put forward is that Alwaye is a healthier and more convenient place than Muvattupuzha.

(*e*) Yes.

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[Mr. C. P. Kochukunju Pillai.]

(*f*) and (*g*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*h*) The advantages and disadvantages were considered before the removal was ordered as a tentative measure.

Muvattupuzha English High School.

386. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*): (*a*) Do the Government know that the taluks of Todupuzha, Muvattupuzha and Kunnatnad, which lie far away from the capital and from the sea-coast, are very backward in point of English education?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to award, as building grant, at least half the cost of the English High School building that is being constructed by the people at Muvattupuzha which lies in the middle of these three taluks?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

Duty on Lemon Grass Oil.

387. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*): (*a*) At what tariff value is duty on lemon grass oil realised at the Customs Houses?

(*b*) Do the Government know what the highest market value for lemon grass oil was within the last two years?

(*c*) Are the Government aware that the present tariff value of that oil is much higher than its market value?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to make the necessary arrangements for the duty being realised in future with reference to the actual market value of the oil?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The member is referred to page 352 of the *Almanac and Directory* for 1924.

(*b*) and (*c*) Government have no information.

(*d*) Market value fluctuates. Hence in British India customs duties are levied on tariff value. That is a conventional value fixed with a view to meet the fluctuations in prices at the markets of consumption. The tariff rates fixed in British India are generally followed in the State.

Examiners in the English Second Paper, English School Leaving Certificate Examination, 1924.

388. MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the name of the Chief Examiner in the English Second Paper for the E. S. L. C. Examination, 1924.

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